

L'Iran envoie des unités spéciales à ses frontières avec l'Artsakh & le Nakhitchévan

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Iran sends special units and military equipment to NK and Nakhichevan borders



The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has sent special units and military equipment to its borders with Nagorno

Karabakh and Nakhichevan. ARMENPRESS reports, citing the Iranian Azarba Telegram Channel, a representative of the IRGC told reporters, noting that Tehran makes this move to secure its north-eastern borders from foreign involvement and protection of the territorial integrity of the country.

"Iran will not tolerate any geopolitical change of the borders of the region", the Iranian military official said.

Earlier, Iranian sources published footages showing the deployment of military units of the IRGC near Khoda Afarin and Jelfa regions.

On October 26 IRGC Commander Hossein Salami visited Khoda Afarin region.

France recalls Turkey envoy



France on October 24 said it was recalling its envoy to Turkey for consultations after "unacceptable" comments by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan questioning the mental health of French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, AFP reports.

France and its NATO ally are at loggerheads over a range of issues including maritime rights in the eastern Mediterranean, Libya, Syria and most recently the escalating conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh.

But Ankara has now been particularly incensed by a campaign championed by Macron to protect France's secular values against radical Islam, a debate given new impetus by the murder this month of a teacher who showed his class a cartoon of the prophet Muhammad.

"President Erdoğan's comments are unacceptable. Excess and rudeness are not a method. We demand that Erdoğan change the course of his policy because it is dangerous in every respect," a French presidential official told AFP.

In a highly unusual move, the official added that the French ambassador to Turkey was being recalled for consultations and would meet Macron to discuss the situation.

The Elysee official, who asked not to be named, also said that France had noted "the absence of messages of condolence and support" from the Turkish president after the beheading of teacher Samuel Paty outside Paris.

Erdoğan earlier slammed Macron over his policies toward France's large Muslim minority, saying that he needed "mental checks."

"What's the problem of the individual called Macron with Islam and with the Muslims?" Erdoğan asked.

"Macron needs mental treatment," Erdoğan added, while indicating he did not expect Macron to win a new mandate in 2022 elections.

The Elysee official said that Erdoğan had two months to reply to the demands for a change in stance and that it ends its "dangerous adventures" in the eastern Mediterranean and "irresponsible conduct" over Karabakh where Ankara is strongly backing Baku.

"Measures need to be taken by the end of the year," said the official.

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